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## March Break madness

## Alcona parking gets a look

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Doug Grabinsky, of ZooTek, gives youngsters a close-up view of Laz, an Asian monitor lizard, during a March Break show at the Cookstown Public Library on Tuesday.



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The Cookstown Public Library was packed, on Tuesday with kids, parents, and critters.

The critters — some of Zoo Tek's 146 friendly animals — ranged from blue-tongued skinks to an Asian monitor lizard and Rocky the African ball python.

Zoo Tek owner Doug Grabinsky has been providing educational and up-close experiences with exotic

animals, in classrooms, at libraries, at birthday parties and other venues, for the past 20 years. He is passionate about education, and about preserving the creatures that he shares — all of which have been bred in captivity — and about making the experience fun and interactive.

Grabinsky uses every opportunity to teach kids and their parents respect for all wildlife, and more about the life and habits of the animals, animals like 'Laz' the Asian monitor lizard. A distant cousin of

the Komodo dragon, Laz is now only two-years-old — and small enough to be carried — but will eventually grow to be seven-feet long and weighing 140 pounds with the girth of a small child.

The kids enjoyed touching the animals, feeling the difference between the leathery skin of a gecko, and the scales of a snake.

They even got to interact, wearing snakes around their necks, and serving as a perch for a Sulphur crested cockatoo.

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Alcona has been recognized as a growth node and the population is expected to double by 2031 along with increased commercial activity.

Municipal zoning is in place to encourage the construction of three to four-storey buildings along the western-most stretch of Innisfil Beach Road and a seven-storey mixed-use building in the central core.

But is there enough parking in the downtown core to handle the projected growth?

On March 11,

Town of Innisfil planning staff joined a group of Ryerson University planning students on Tuesday to present a public workshop on downtown parking. They asked for input on the issue, and possible alternatives down the road.

"One day, we're going to bump into issues with parking," said Tim Cane, manager of land use planning.

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Jon Pegg named as town's new fire chief

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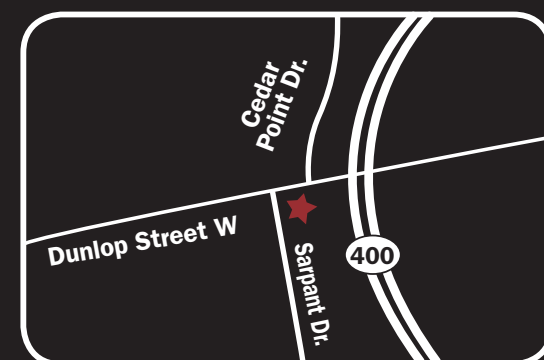
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# Connecting the dots for future of Fire chief Scanlon Creek Conservation Area named



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Back in 2009, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority generated a five-year management plan for Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, its first since 1979.

It was the product of consultation with a wide range of stakeholders as well as staff, and the plan was both far-reaching, and ambitious.

Even so, in the past five years the LSRCA, Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation, volunteers and supporters have achieved almost everything on the list.

Those accomplishments include:

- Completed a subwatershed plan for Scanlon Creek.
- Established the Scanlon Creek Bark Park, a leash-free dog park that includes a separate area for small dogs.
- Built the Discovery Play Garden, a natural play area for children.
- Improved trails and installed new signage.
- Established The Friends of Scanlon Creek, a volunteer group that assists and raises funds for the Conservation Area.
- Refurbished the two picnic pavilions and the gatehouse.
- Completed an Environmental Assessment, leading to the drawing down of Scanlon Pond, and steps toward restoring a natural creek and wetland in the area.
- Built a new look-out platform.
- Installed new picnic tables and benches.

- Upgraded roads, with the assistance of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

- Offered new nature-based programs to the public, from Sawhet owl banding to photography.

The question is, what's next?

How can the park, located off the 9th Line of Bradford West Gwillimbury just north of Bradford, continue to meet the needs of users? How can it become a 'destination for natural inspiration', and enhance users' experiences?

There is a new survey posted online at [LSRCA.on.ca/PlanScanlon](http://LSRCA.on.ca/PlanScanlon) that invites anyone who has visited Scanlon Creek Conservation Area to provide their input, until March 31.

"Maybe the public has a different opinion of this property than five years ago," says Brian Kemp, general manager of conservation lands, encouraging everyone to participate. As a bonus, those who complete the online survey will be entered into a draw to win a \$100 gift certificate from SpinsanityCyle shop.

As part of the process, the LSRCA hosted a Workshop at the Nature Centre, on Saturday asking for more input.

The workshop provided an overview of Scanlon, which was originally settled circa 1824, and which has been a conservation area since 1963. Since then, the LSRCA has continued to add property to its holding, and the park now covers almost 740 acres, of which 50% is natural wetland, and 23% is forest. The LSRCA has established a broad

framework for its updated management plan, including the promotion of sustainability, the provision of environmental education, and the enhancement and restoration of natural ecosystems, providing opportunities for healthy, active living, and maintaining a balance between public use and conservation.

Those goals were supported by workshop participants. "We've done a lot of hiking here, all seasons. I think it's a very valuable place to preserve," said Kate Stewart, a Friend of Scanlon Creek.

"I think it's really important for families to experience nature."

"We first got connected when our kids were small. Because it's right on the urban doorstep, (Scanlon) is uniquely placed for people to interact," said Ken Vogan, chair of the Friends.

Nature conservation, nature appreciation, enjoyment of the natural setting, preservation of biodiversity: all were seen as the most important roles of Scanlon Creek. Participants also offered a number of suggestions for improving users' experiences, from longer trails that connect with broader trail systems, to new energy conservation programs and demonstrations, more interaction with local schools, and more sponsorship opportunities.

The session was led by LSRCA land management Technician Kate Lillie and at the end of the workshop, participants were thanked for their input.

"That input is very, very valuable to us" moving forward at Scanlon Creek, said Kemp.

**MIRIAM KING**  
Innisfil Examiner

Kate Lillie, of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, exercises her 'Dot-democracy' during the management plan workshop held on Saturday at the Scanlon Creek Conservation Area.

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Jonathan (Jon) Pegg is Innisfil's new fire chief, starting April 7.

"Jon brings a number of strengths to the Innisfil Fire Service. He is familiar with our community and will be able to step right into the role in an effective and professional manner. His background and experience in fire management; fire personnel training and emergency preparedness will allow Innisfil to continue with its efforts to enhance both public and fire fighter safety," said John Skorobohacz, Innisfil's chief administrative officer.



**Jon Pegg**

He said the service's recently adopted Fire Master Plan identifies some significant initiatives that will continue to support and advance community and public safety, noting Pegg will be involved in this.

Pegg recently held the position of Deputy Chief for the Georgina Fire Department, where he was responsible overseeing all divisions within the Georgina Fire Department.

Pegg is a Certified Emergency Management Coordinator, and is currently completing a post-graduate program in Fire Service Administration through Dalhousie University, and town officials say he will bring those attributes to the Fire Service Team.

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# opinion

## 'Separation' talk just a sideshow distraction

Letters

# UN must intervene

It was a little extreme to liken Russia's seizure of the Crimean Peninsula in Ukraine to Adolf Hitler and the Nazi's pre-Second World War aggression—the 'antics' before the real horror of war had begun, so to speak.

But Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper was drawing parallels to the 1938 Sudetenland annexation; Hitler demanded Europe allow him to retake land belonging to the previous Austro-Hungarian Empire, his predecessors so-to-speak, lands peopled with ethnically-German citizens.

The Anschluss was when Hitler and the Nazis invaded Austria with a bloodless conquest. Citing reasons of racial and genetic similarity, they offered Austrians a choice, join the Nazis or be destroyed. They welcomed new recruits like blood brothers or conquered pets, inviting them to partake of their conquests.

It was a hearkening back, if you will, as Hitler no doubt thought, to the Dark Ages when Germanic tribes such as the Angles and Saxons expanded outwards to conquer other early European societies such as the Celts.

Even before this, the Visigoths and other European barbarian tribes effectively eliminated the Roman Empire as it had been known. It was a time, historians say, when early notions of racial purity and racial inferiority became the buzz words of nomadic tribal expansion, eventually inspiring the genocidal fantasies and atrocities of a depraved Nazi empire and its psychopathic leader.

Anschluss encouraged many Austrian Nazis and sympathizers. But it was done at gun-point. Some resisted and died. The Crimea is different.

Scores of Pro-Russian militias, acting under Moscow's protection, have risen up with their new governor to withdraw Crimea from Ukraine's new government. Moscow isn't pointing its guns at Crimea, it's pointing them at Kiev and openly encouraging ethnic Russians to rise up and battle the new democratic leaders in Kiev, should Moscow give the word.

And unlike Anschluss, there are no dreams of racial grandeur and superiority stirring the Russian people and their Crimean brethren to homicidal frenzy. But this conflict is, as world leaders have described, the most significant threat to world security since the Cold War.

One misstep by Ukraine, Russia or the West could unleash armies.

But Russia's military flooded the Crimean, surrounding it on all sides with a naval blockade and a large force near St. Petersburg; some of those ships might have regularly docked in the Sevastopol harbour. And Russian President Vladimir Putin has warned Kiev to either accept a united country or accept a divided one. In other words, Crimea is his; any attempts by Kiev to exert power over the ethnic Russians in Ukraine, says Putin, and he'll seize control forcefully.

For this grievous international hostage-taking, say Harper and US President Barack Obama, Putin may be expelled from the G8.

He is as much a murderer as deposed Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich; personal records show the latter obeyed Putin's direction to murder protestors. Before he fled, Yanukovich burnt some government records; the rest were extracted from a lake.

Ukraine's prime minister conceded his

country may never be able to regain control of Crimea. In 1994, Ukraine gave up its nuclear arsenal as part of a kind of non-aggression/non-proliferation pact with Russia, which together with the United States and the United Kingdom promised to defend Ukraine's territorial integrity.

Previous agreements were intended to foster good relations between the two neighbours. Now Russia has abandoned them and flouted the international community as well.

At the heart of this is an international war of words that includes the West. Both the Americans and the European Union are citing visa freezes and G8 expulsion as the only sanctions it can impose upon Russia.

That and a few suspensions of trade and economic agreements.

But Europe has too many investments and trade deals at risk with Russia; the media cites a plethora of examples. French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius would only say that stopping "Russia's mobilization" is key. These, too, are empty words given that France is scheduled to deliver amphibious assault carriers constructed and sold to the Russian navy.

Diplomacy must be tactful yet ruthlessly effective. Russia has no legitimate power over Ukraine and they are invaders. The United Nations must intervene.

To quote Putin, force is only "a last resort."

**Christopher Mansour**  
Barrie

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**Lucie Tedesco**  
Commissioner  
Financial Consumer Agency of Canada

The announcement by former Quebecor CEO Pierre Karl Peladeau that he is running for the Parti Quebecois, and his declaration "I am a sovereignist," has re-ignited the debate on Quebec separation.

In the heat of a provincial election battle, this distracts attention from Premier Pauline Marois' absurd "values charter" which in turn distracted attention from the PQ's mismanagement of Quebec's economy.

When Quebecers are asked straight up whether they want to leave Canada, most - 61% according to a recent CROP poll - say no.

But in the two previous referenda on separation, that's not what they were asked.

In 1980, the question was nearly half as long as the Gettysburg Address. Here's a taste:

"The Government of Quebec has made public its proposal to negotiate a new agreement with the rest of Canada, based on the equality of nations; this agreement would enable Quebec to acquire the exclusive power to make its laws, levy its taxes and establish relations abroad - in other words, sovereignty - and at the same time to maintain with Canada an economic association including a common currency!"

Of those who stayed awake long enough to vote, 59.56% nixed the proposition.

In 1995 the question was shorter, but required homework: "Do you agree that Quebec should become sovereign after having made a formal offer to Canada for a new economic and political partnership within the scope of the bill respecting the future of Quebec and of the agreement signed on June 12, 1995?"

The separatists got closer that time - losing 50.58% to 49.42% - but no cigar.

Back then, polls showed many Quebecers believed they would retain the Canadian dollar and passports and still return MPs to Ottawa.

Nope - all that would be on the table, along with Quebec assuming its share of the national debt.

Today Canada has the Clarity Act and a Supreme Court of Canada ruling that, for the vote on separation to be valid, a clear majority of Quebecers must vote "yes" on a clear question.

The PQ may not care about that. But the Canadian government will. And in that context, the separatists should remember it takes two parties to make a deal, not one.

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# Emerald ash borer bugging Innisfil



IAN MCINROY  
Innisfil Examiner

A nasty invasive species is threatening thousands of trees in the county.

The emerald ash borer (EAB) is a non-native, highly destructive, wood-boring beetle that feeds under the bark of ash trees.

It was first found in Michigan about 12 years ago and has been slowly making its way to Innisfil and Simcoe County ever since.

It was confirmed in the county just last fall.

Along the way, it has killed millions of ash trees — not the mountain ash, which is not a true ash species — and forced municipalities on both sides of the border to remove and replace diseased trees.

City of Barrie officials are in the midst of their plan to deal with 3,000 ash trees — including marshall's seedless ash, white ash, summit ash, patmore ash, fall gold ash, autumn purple ash and green ash — on city boulevards and in parks, according to urban forester Kevin Rankin.

As of April 1, Simcoe County will be declared a regulated area in regards to EAB by the Canadian Food Inspection Area, meaning there will be restrictions on the movement of landscaping materials, plants and firewood out of the county.

That means no kindling or firewood for camping excursions outside Simcoe County. The quarantined area extends north up to Parry Sound District and beyond.

Simcoe County forester Graeme Davis said about 10% of the county's hardwood forests are comprised of ash trees and that residents

should do their part to minimize the spread of the EAB.

"Because this insect has jumped ahead of where (experts thought it was) fairly consistently since it was discovered in 2002, it's been very difficult to contain," he said. "We're trying to get people to understand that the further you move firewood, particularly if it has been infested with the EAB, you could be spreading it much more quickly."

Rankin said the city is in phase 1 of its emerald ash borer program, which is the identification of significant ash trees in parks and on streets, their removal and replacement, providing information to the public and monitoring the pesky beetle.

"Phase 2 is anticipated to begin in the next couple of years where we commence treatment for the protection of significant ash trees. In addition, once EAB is discovered in Barrie we would commence systematic removal and replacement of ash in infested areas."

Rankin said the program is intended to proactively get ahead of the EAB infestation and to reduce the long-term costs of its impact by spreading the active management of the issue over the next 15 years rather than just waiting for EAB to kill ash trees across the city.

Dave Friary, the city's director of roads, parks and fleet, said in 2007, Barrie implemented a moratorium on planting ash trees

on public land and recommended they be omitted from all landscaping plans.

"We are well underway for our EAB program and are continuing as soon as spring arrives," he said, adding the city only has control of trees on city property such as boulevards and parks.

"We'll send homeowners a notice saying their tree is one of the ones that is affected and this is what we're going to do," Friary added. "Usually, a crew comes around in the morning and cuts the tree down and by the afternoon there's another crew who comes around planting another tree of a different species."

But if the infected tree is not on city property, that's another story, he added.

"Many are on private property and that's a tricky one. Now homeowners will have to decide what they want to do," Friary said. "They can remove it or they can try and treat it. There is a way to save them, but it's expensive."

"There are a couple of different treatments they may be able to use."

Davis said the county has done a "very precursory" inventory of the county road system to deal with the problem.

"If your ash trees are on regional or local roads — or urban roads and in parks — and they become hazardous, that's where the costs are ratcheting up very quickly for municipalities and landowners."

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Municipalities in Simcoe County are preparing for the emerald ash borer.

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# Canadian soldiers leave Afghanistan, but memories continue for families



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Silver Cross Mother Carol Collier, mother of Sapper Brian Collier who was killed in Afghanistan in 2010, places a wreath at the cenotaph during Remembrance Day services at Canadian Forces Base Borden in 2011.

IAN MCINROY  
Innisfil Examiner

Canadian troops have left Afghanistan.

The Canadian flag was lowered for the last time during a ceremony in Kabul on Wednesday, marking the end of Canada's military mission in the country.

Until last week, there were less than 100 Canadian military personnel there still training Afghan forces to fight the Taliban.

At the height of combat, Canada had more than 2,000 troops in Afghanistan, along with tanks, artillery, helicopters and drones.

Canadian soldiers left the front lines of battle in 2011 — along with other countries — and now it's the Afghans who will handle security, while the world watches.

But memories of Canada's 12-year involvement — and the loss of 158 soldiers and thousands injured — will not disappear quickly.

Sapper Brian Collier, of Bradford, and Pte. Kevin McKay, of Horsehoe Valley, were two of the Canadian troops who made the ultimate sacrifice.

McKay, 24, was killed on May 13, 2010 by an improvised explosive device (IED), just two days before the end of his tour.

Collier, 24, was also killed by an IED on July 20, 2010 while on foot patrol.

Now that Canada's involvement is officially over, Silver Cross Mother Carol Collier isn't so sure the multi-national effort to reign in the Taliban achieved what it set out

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*Silver Cross Mother Carol Collier*

to do.

"Nope. Because once the Taliban knew everyone was leaving — the Canadians, the Americans — they just kind of put themselves in waiting mode," Collier said from her Bradford home.

She said the international efforts to help the country were admirable, but not necessarily successful.

"I think their intentions to make things better for people (were) good, but nothing's worked," Collier said. "No one has ever accomplished beating that country. I'm glad that people who have left that country and have settled here have made good lives for themselves. Those kind of people, you're glad they're doing well.

"But (the Taliban and their supporters) are still a treacherous type of people, aren't they?" Collier said. "(Brian's) frustration was he could see them planting the IEDs at night and they'd go out in the morning and just pretend they were farmers. Some of the farmers were genuine. How do you know who is the enemy?"

Despite the uncertainties of the war and being nervous about going,

her son embraced his military obligations, she said.

"He was smart enough to be scared and brave enough to go. People recognize the sacrifice and how you have to go above and beyond your comfort zone," she said. "Brian was very proud to be part of that. There's no one prouder to wear that uniform than he was."

Like families across the country, Collier said her family has made great connections with some of the troops her son served with.

"People come to visit and let us know they're thinking of him. Their loss of Brian is as great as ours," she said.

"We like that. It's difficult but it's good for them and good for us."

While Canada may no longer be in Afghanistan, the Canadians who served there, and their families, shouldn't be a fading memory.

"The one saving grace about the whole thing (the war in Afghanistan) is the new-found respect people have for our military," Collier said, adding the government should be doing more for veterans.

"They've got to be accountable for the price we've paid for this Afghanistan war, 158 were killed. We have to remember all the wounded soldiers, too," she said. "There are physical wounds but there are still a lot of people suffering mental anguish and things.

"When I think of the impact it's had on us and the other families and the wounded soldiers. ... You just don't want their sacrifices forgotten."

## Residents asked to take part in parking survey

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By looking at the issue "sooner rather than later, we'll be able to get a much better outcome, for the residents of Alcona."

The third-year urban and regional planning students mapped out parking areas along Innisfil Beach Road between 20th Sideroad and 25th Sideroad — both on-street and in public and private parking lots — taking an inventory of what is currently available.

They also surveyed the use of the lots, looking at the number of vehicles present between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. during the week, and on weekends.

They found 1,723 parking spaces, 97% of which were off-street, in parking lots which had an average occupancy rate of only about 31%. Their conclusion: Alcona currently has enough parking to handle growth.

Workshop participants agreed, although it was noted that the timing of the parking lot usage surveys could have skewed the data. Innisfil is a commuter town, and a tourist area. It is busiest at the morning and evening rush hours, and after people get back from work, as well as during the summer months, especially when Innisfil Beach Park users look for parking alternatives along IBR.

The stretch of IBR from 25 Sideroad to Lake Simcoe, adjacent to the park, was deliberately excluded from the study. "That's going to need its own study," explained Cane.

There were many suggestions put forward.

- Ensure that there is snow clearance for the existing on-street parking spaces, which have become hazardous this winter due to the proximity of large, icy snowbanks. Right now, noted student Robbie Jay, "The snowbanks are higher than the cars."

- Raise the price of cash-in-lieu of parking, a policy that allows businesses to pay a fee per space if they

can't provide all of the parking spaces required through the zoning by-law from the current \$1,000 per space to \$13,900 per space. Asked about new figure, student Sarah Mowder explained that the students used a model from Port Hope "and just plugged in the numbers."

- Enforce the current by-law requirements for parking spaces for new construction.

- Consider additional parking for tourism and special events like the annual Santa Claus Parade.

- There seemed to be no support for metered parking.

- Consider a future municipal parking structure, either above or below ground, if it becomes neces-

sary in the future.

On the last issue, there was a clear divide. Residents supported a parking structure, but town councillors Lynn Dollin and Rod Boynton pointed out that the structures are expensive to build, and costly to maintain. Instead, Boynton recommended looking at additional on-street parking on residential side-streets in the downtown core, when those roads are upgraded to full urban standards (paved, with curbs and gutters).

The students also came up with a downtown Alcona parking survey, which is currently available online on the town website, and encouraged all residents to participate.



# Gilford & District Horticultural Society getting ready for spring

MIRIAM KING  
Innisfil Examiner

The Gilford & District Horticultural Society launched its 35th year on March 10, with a general meeting at the Churchill Community Centre.

And even though snow still covers the ground, the focus was on 'Colour in the Garden', with speaker Lorraine Mennen, of Pathways to Perennials in Aurora.

The landscape outside may be a blend of white, grey and black but, Mennen said, "Colour is very important to us" and now is the time to start planning.

The first step is to amend the soil with compost, raised beds, or pocket gardening: filling holes with rich compost, and planting clusters of plants, separated by a thick layer of mulch. "No exposed soil!"

Don't scatter plants throughout the garden, she advised, but plant collections to maximize the impact of colour and to make it simpler to carry out chores, like dead-heading or removing spent blooms.

Bulbs, for example, are most impactful when planted together in a spring garden. Co-plant with colourful ground covers, and once the spring flowers begin to die back, there will still be colour in the garden.

Create layers using taller plants, intermediate, and low-to-the ground covers.

Consider foliage and texture in the design.

Create a succession of seasons and a succession of colours, Mennen told the gardeners, and use dead-heading to encourage a second or even third flowering and extend the flowering season.

She also provided colour tips: contrast open-blooming vibrant pink peonies with purple spikes of salvia. Soften oranges and reds with green, silver or variegated foliage and white flowers. Choose easy-care borders and don't be afraid to "shear off when done."

Use shrubs to not only provide height and privacy but colour, choosing some for their blossoms and some for the fall colour of their foliage.

Think seasonal. "Foliage does matter!"

And when thinking of colour, think about insect and bird friends in the garden. Butterflies like open flowers, like bee balm, rudbeckia, asclepias and echinacea, while hummingbirds like tubular flowers. Plant those, and you'll not only have colour in your blooms but colour on the wing.

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Lorraine Mennen, of Pathways to Perennials boutique garden centre, spoke about Colour in the Garden at the Monday meeting of the Gilford & District Horticultural Society in Churchill.



## localbriefs

### TEEN CAUGHT UNDER SLED

A local teenager is lucky to be alive after his boot was caught under a snowmobile Sunday evening, according to South Simcoe police.

At about 6:30 p.m., two teens snowmobiling on private property in the Purvis Street/Line 10 area had one machine bog down.

Trying to free it, one youth pulled up the tear of the sled while the other put the machine in reverse. His boot was caught in the track and he received severe lacerations to his foot.

Paramedics were called and searched for the 17-year-old, who was eventually found.

His wounds were stabilized before he was taken to hospital by ambulance with serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

### WANTED MAN NABBED

BRADFORD – A Richmond Hill man faces drug charges after being spotted Tuesday morning on Simcoe Road.

South Simcoe police say an officer saw a drug transaction there mid-morning.

A car was stopped and a small quantity of pre-packaged marijuana was found, police said.

A 47-year-old man was arrested and charged with drug possession and possession for the purpose of trafficking. He has an April court date.

### WOMAN IGNORES COURT ORDER

A local woman evidently doesn't understand the terms of her release.

On Saturday, South Simcoe police were called to a residence after a man reported he had received phone calls from a woman who was not to communicate with him, by legal order.

While officers were there, he received a call from the woman, police said. She was contacted, turned herself in at the police station a short time later, was arrested and charged with breaching her release conditions.

The woman was released, again on condition not to contact the man. But shortly afterwards, police said, he called to say there had been another call from the woman's phone number.

She was arrested and charged with two further counts of breaching the conditions of her release.

A 52-year-old woman was held for a bail hearing.

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# community listings

## MAR. 14

The South Simcoe Arts Council presents Choral Workshop 2014, led by Tapestry Chamber Choir Director Tony Browning. The workshop will take place at Living Faith Community Presbyterian Church in Baxter, Ontario on Saturday, May 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost to register is \$40, which includes musical scores and a light lunch. Enjoy a day of singing together, and exploring approaches to choral music, for both singers and choral directors. Please register by Friday, March 14, at 705-435-2378 or [info@southsimcoeartscouncil.com](mailto:info@southsimcoeartscouncil.com) For information, see [www.southsimcoeartscouncil.com](http://www.southsimcoeartscouncil.com)

## MAR. 15

The Lefroy-Belle Ewart Branch 547 of the Royal Canadian Legion will be hosting a St. Patrick's Dance on Saturday, March 15, starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are only \$10 per person - and entertainment will be provided by one-man-band, Kent Tocher, playing everything from Banjo, to fiddle and keyboard. The Legion will also be serving a light 'lunch', and green beer! For tickets, call Chris Knowles, 705-431-5090.

## MAR. 16

Churchill United Church in Innisfil is holding a St. Patrick's Day supper featuring hame, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, home-made pie, tea and coffee. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$7 for kids 12 and under. A family of four can eat for \$40. There are two sittings: 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call Grace at 705-456-2748 or Mark at 705-436-3763.

## MAR. 18

The Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion hosts its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 7 p.m. Nominate your new officers and executive for 2014-15.

## MAR. 22

AWARE Simcoe is hosting an educational event - a free screening of the documentary film, Vanishing of the Bees, on Satur-

day, March 22 at 10:30 a.m. in the Utopia Hall, 8396 - 6th Line of Essa. The screening will be followed by a discussion with Cookstown-area beekeeper, Peter Dickey of Dickey Bee Honey, and Refreshments. All welcome.

## MAR. 20, 22

The Innisfil Public Library will be hosting the Canada Revenue Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) again this year. Certified volunteers will be available for 20 to 30 minute appointments at the Stroud Branch, 7883 Yonge Street, to help eligible individuals complete their income tax and benefit returns. This free service will be available at the following times: Thursdays: March - 6th, 20th, 27th and April 3rd, 10th from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Saturdays: March 22nd and April 5th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Volunteers do not complete income tax and benefit returns for deceased persons, bankrupt individuals, or individuals who have capital gains or losses, employment expenses, or business or rental income and expenses. Please register in person or by phone at the Stroud Branch - (705) 436-1681. Appointments are not mandatory but ensure a shorter waiting time.

## MAR. 26

The annual Innisfil Prayer Breakfast will take place on Wednesday, March 26 upstairs at the Stroud Community Centre. Please sign in by 7:25 a.m. The breakfast and prayers will be finished by about 8:45 a.m. Special guest will be Innisfil Mayor Barb Baguley. Tickets are \$15 each, to cover costs. Please RSVP by March 17, to Rev. Howard Courtney at 705-436-1611.

## MAR. 28

Delicious Roast Beef Dinner & Brown Bag Auction Friday March 28 at St. James United Church, Stroud. Tickets are \$15.00 the 6 p.m. only sitting. For tickets, please call the church office (705) 436-5225

## MAR. 29

Do you love chili? Have you got a treasured a chili recipe that knocks the socks off all the others? Enter the Annual Chili Contest at the Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion on Saturday, March 29. Register by calling 705-456-9728. All chilies must be in a crock pot and brought to the Legion Hall, 1017 Robinson St. in Belle

Ewart, by 1:30 p.m. Please bring a ladle, and any accompaniments, from cheese to chives. The public is welcomed to attend from 2 to 4 p.m. - and for just \$5 per person, receive a bowl, roll and bottle of water. Sample all of the chilis, and choose your favourite!

## APR. 4

Innisfil Eastern Star will host a card party at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 4 t the Masonic Hall, 2156 Victoria Street. Games will include bid euchre and progressive euchre. There will be cash prizes and a lunch served. The cost of the evening is \$7. For information or tickets, call 705-431-5049..

## APR. 5, 6

The Tiffin Centre for Conservation, 8195 - 8th Line of Essa, hosts the Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival, April 5 and 6. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., enjoy tours of the sugar bush and maple syrup-making demonstrations, War of 1812 re-enactments, live music, horse-drawn wagon rides and the critters of Zoo to You. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., enjoy pancakes, sausages and real maple syrup. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids two to 12, and free for infants.

## APR. 7

York-Simcoe Provincial NDP will be holding a nomination meeting to select a candidate for the next provincial election, which could be called as early as this spring. The meeting will be taking place Monday, April 7 at the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Keith Lindsay at 1-888-881-4ndp or [contact@ndpyorsimcoe.ca](mailto:contact@ndpyorsimcoe.ca)

## APR. 12

On Saturday, Apr. 12 Alan Rhody performs a live concert at Music Up Close House Concerts at 2226 Richard St. in Innisfil beginning at 8 p.m. with a suggested minimum donation of \$20 per seat. Call Peter @705-436-3927 to reserve your seats. Coffee and treats served at intermission. Visit [www.musicup-close.com](http://www.musicup-close.com) for more info.

## APR. 14

The Gilford & District Horticultural Society meets Monday, April 14 at the Churchill Community Centre, at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Karl Kohnen, on 'Grasses for the Garden'.

## APR. 19

The Rotary Club of Innisfil holds its second annual Celebration by the Lake Gala, on Saturday, April 19, at the Kempenfelt Conference Centre, 3722 Fairway Rd. in Innisfil. The evening will include dining, dancing, Live and Silent auctions, prizes.

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# March Mania at the Innisfil Rec Centre

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March Mania took over the Innisfil Recreational Complex from March 7 to 9, three days of recreational skating competition hosted by the Innisfil Skating Club, Lefroy Skating Club and Skate Canada of Central Ontario.

This was the first time that the Innisfil and Lefroy Clubs partnered to host the event, which attracted skaters of all ages from as far away as London, Milton, Toronto, Saugeen Shores, Port Perry, Collingwood and Elmvale.

Over 1,000 skaters in all attended the open invitational competition, competing as solo skaters, or in teams. One of the highlights on Saturday, March 8, was Team Competition - better known as "Synchronized Skating."

Laura McLellan, Skate Canada Tech Rep for Synchro, noted that this year March Mania attracted only 34 team entries. Last year there were at least 52 teams that participated, but a scheduling conflict with an Ottawa competition on the same weekend reduced the entries to a "far more manageable" number, McLellan admitted.

Team skaters ranged in age from six to about 70 years of age, she said, competing in categories from "Beginner 1" to "Adult," and with all levels of experience. For some, this was their first competition.

"For our adult skaters, this is a way for them to have some exercise and camaraderie. A social outing," McLellan said.

One of the top adult syncho teams was the Royal Blades Illusions, out of Barrie, a team that has two skaters from Innisfil. Stacey Enwright, a CanSkate coach with the Lefroy Skating Club, and Nikki Balasz, assistant coach in Lefroy, helped the Illusions to a great showing in the competition.

All the same, noted Patti White, co-chair of March Mania, "It's not about winning. To go for their personal best, that's what it's all about."



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**ABOVE:** The Royal Blades Illusions, a synchronized skating team from Barrie, wait to hear their scores in the Adult 1 Team skating competition at the Innisfil Recreational Complex during March Mania on Saturday. **BELOW:** Roya Shidfar, of East York, competes as a solo skater in Junior Bronze Development competition.



## ■ COMMUNITY: Investigating new recruits at Innisfil Job Fair



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South Simcoe Police had a booth at the Innisfil Job Fair, held on Thursday, March 6 at the Innisfil Town Hall, an event organized by the Town of Innisfil, Northern Lights Canada, and the Greater Innisfil Chamber of Commerce.



# Celebrating the sounds of culture

Aboriginal culture and traditions were celebrated at last weekend's 9th annual Georgian College powwow in Barrie. The theme was Gdi-Nweninaa: Our Sound, Our Voices. It was an opportunity for Aboriginal people to remember the seven generations from the past, and for the future seven generations, a proud heritage to share with others.

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**East End Bungalow \$274,800**  
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**Ardagh Bluffs Area \$416,400**  
Modified 2430 sq ft home. Open concept, 9' ceilings, hardwood floors, tile throughout the main floor. Large family room, front office, 2nd floor laundry room, front deck, gas F/P, walk out to yard & view! Family friendly cul-de-sac. Springwood Crt. **MLS** 1400643



**Willow Creek - Midhurst \$649,000**  
Well maintained, updated stylish home backing on Willow Creek, inground pool, decking, patios, gardens, awnings. Grand staircase, open plan kitchen overlooks family room & yard, luxurious ensuite, granite, hardwood, ceramics, finished basement. Cairns Blvd. **MLS** 1307393



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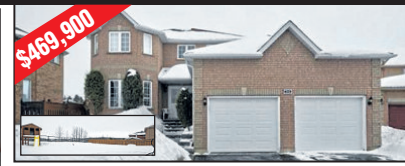


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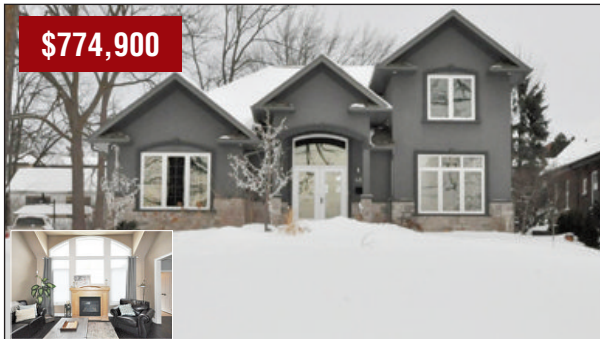


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# Learn how to inspect your new home before possession

(NC) Before you can move in to a newly built home, there is a critical first step that all Ontario buyers must take: the Pre-Delivery Inspection (PDI).

Much more than just a quick tour, the PDI represents the first opportunity for buyers to view their home in its completed state and to thoroughly assess its condition.

All builders in Ontario are required by law to conduct a PDI with their customers prior to the date of possession. This inspection is part of your new home warranty, provided by your builder and backed by Tarion Warranty Corporation.

The PDI is your first opportunity to view your home in its entirety, learn about how to maintain it and take stock of anything that may be damaged, incomplete, missing, or not working properly.

You may be excited to show it off

to your friends and family, but now is not the time. The PDI is an important part of taking possession and deserves your full attention, say advisers in this field. If you are not able to attend yourself, you can ask someone you trust to be there on your behalf.

During the PDI, you should carefully examine your home both inside and out. Look for things like chips in bathtubs and sinks, scratches on counter tops, damage to floors, walls, cabinetry (and other finishings) and look for doors and windows that are not secure or do not open and close easily.

Outside, check things like the quality of brickwork and siding, whether window screens have been installed, and inspect the appearance of the driveway and landscaping.

Your builder's representative will record it all on a PDI form. Review

the form carefully to make sure it's complete. Once done, you will get a copy, which will become the official record of the condition of your home before you moved in.

If at a later time, there is a disagreement between you and the builder (about damage before, or after possession) Tarion, which regulates new home builders and guarantees your warranty, may use your PDI form for reference.

Sometimes, due to weather or other factors, you may not be able to inspect a certain item. If you are unable to assess something during the PDI, simply make note of it on the form.

The PDI is also an excellent opportunity to ask questions and learn about how your home functions. Your builder will show you how to operate your home's systems, like heating, electrical, air conditioning,

and plumbing, and provide you with operating manuals.

Your new home warranty doesn't begin or end at the PDI - it all begins when you sign a purchase of sale agreement with your builder, and

stays with the home for seven years. For more information about the PDI, and to access a detailed checklist, visit [tarion.com](http://tarion.com).

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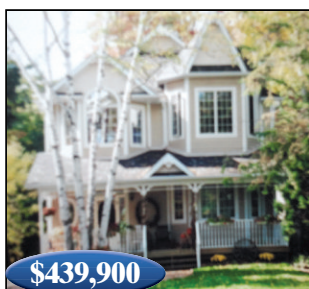


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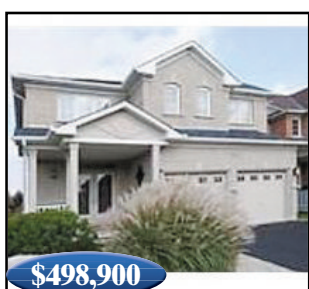
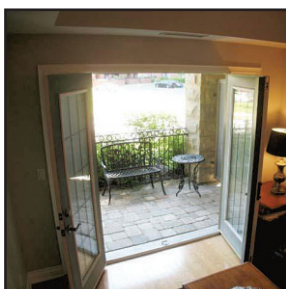
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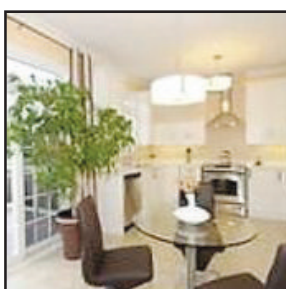
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# Choosing the ideal spa & hot tub

(NC) Every year, more people are turning to spas and hot tubs as a way to relax, unwind and relieve their aches and pains. One of the reasons they are so popular is that they can be enjoyed year round - indoors or outdoors - allowing you to make the most of your leisure time regardless of the weather.

Spas and hot tubs are available in pre-formed acrylic or thermoplastic spa shell designs that are lowered into the deck for a permanent installation or as portable models in a spa skirt or cabinet that can be moved to a new location if your move.

Permanent concrete inground spas are also popular either on their own or installed as part of a pool installation. The advantage of a concrete spa is its versatility. It can be custom-designed into virtually any size or shape and can be finished in mosaic tile, block glass or colourful coatings.

For those who want a hot tub for an aquatic workout - nothing can beat a swim spa. These rectangular-shaped units are equipped with powerful jets, propellers or paddle wheels that create a counter-current for swim-in-place exercising. Some swim spas also include bun-

gee-cord and paddle-type devices for rowing exercises that improve muscle strength in the arms, as well as a warm water spa area where bathers can sit down and relax after a strenuous workout. A swim spa can be installed inground, flush with the deck, or as a portable, above-ground unit.

Soft-sided spas are another option. These lightweight, circular-shaped models are made of dense foam and are small enough to take with you for a weekend at the cottage - just empty them and roll them through the door and into a van or truck for the ultimate in portability.

For traditionalists, a wooden hot tub is the preferred choice. Made from cedar staves held together with metal hoops, circular-shaped wooden hot tubs offer a deep soak and are the perfect complement to wooden decks and patio furniture.

For more information on what is available in hot tubs and spas, contact the Pool & Hot Tub Council of Canada at 1-800-879-7066 or visit their Web site at [www.poolcouncil.ca](http://www.poolcouncil.ca).

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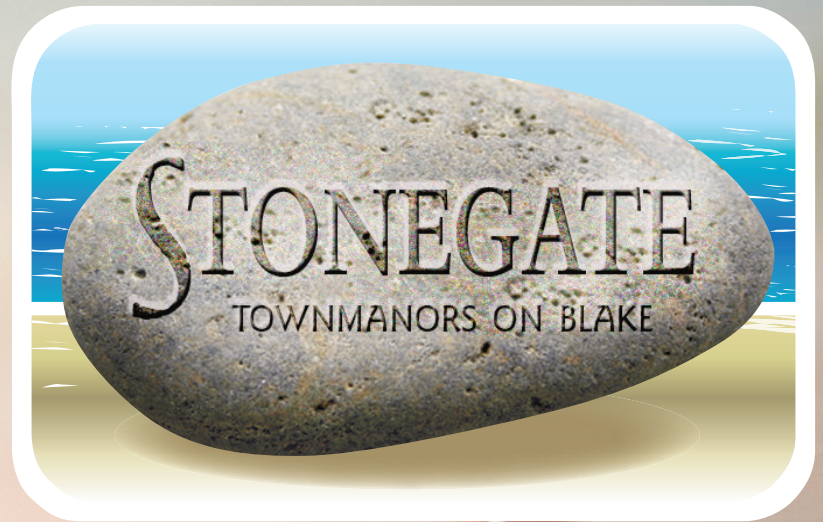
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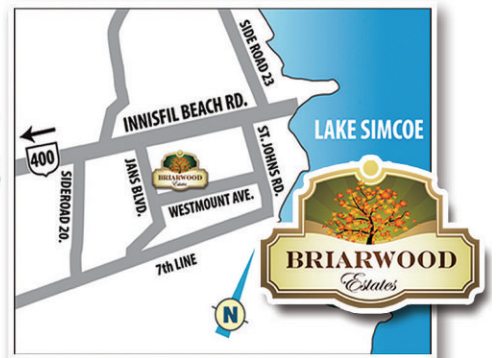
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## Money-saving tips for home buyers

(NC) Moving to a new home is an exciting experience, but it can come with many costs, including mortgage payments, legal fees, and taxes. When moving in, however, there are a few simple tasks that homeowners can perform to improve energy efficiency and to save money in the long run.

"Your heating and cooling systems are very important to the function and enjoyment of your new house, but they are often one of the last things home buyers think about in the first few days," says Dave Walton, the director of home ideas at Direct Energy. "Getting a thorough inspection performed and learning how to efficiently operate your furnace or air conditioner can lead to big savings on your energy bills and save you from costly repairs down the road."

If you're moving this spring or summer, consider the following money-saving tips:

**Book a home energy audit** - This report will help you learn more about how your house uses energy and provides recommendations on how to improve the efficiency of your home, including identifying air leaks, or areas which need additional insulation.

**Get your ducts cleaned** - Consider professionals for this job especially if the previous

owners had pets, or if the house has recently been renovated. The average duct cleaning removes approximately 5 pounds of dust and debris. If it's a brand new home, check with your builder to see if a duct cleaning is included with closing.

**Replace furnace filters** - This allows the furnace or air conditioner to run more efficiently. Clogged filters mean that furnace motors must work harder and use more energy. Filters should be replaced at least every three months.

**Inspect the HVAC system** - Schedule a professional inspection of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system, before you move in to ensure they are all working properly. If there's an issue, you may be able to negotiate a replacement or price reduction.

**Install a programmable or learning thermostat** - Install a programmable thermostat and set it based on your living patterns to control your energy usage. New 'learning' thermostats monitor your usage and adjust temperatures automatically.

More information on this topic is available online at [www.davescorner.ca](http://www.davescorner.ca).

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## County looking at second suites

(QMI)- The Ontario Renovates Program, delivered by the County of Simcoe, is hosting a public information session to educate homeowners about new financial incentives to help homeowners create secondary or garden suites.

The information session is being held in partnership with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation on Tuesday, March 18 from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at the Simcoe County Museum in Midhurst.

A range of topics will be covered, including funding opportunities, eligibility requirements and the application process.

Funding through the Ontario Renovates Program will become available April 1.

The program provides financial support in the form of a forgivable loan, up to a maximum of \$25,000 per dwelling, and/or a grant up to \$3,500 for accessibility modifications. Funding is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The county's 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy, approved by county council in January, recognizes the need for more affordable housing

throughout the county and suggests that the creation of secondary or garden suites could be a viable solution.

Amendments to the Planning Act through Bill 140 legislate that municipalities are now required to create policies that not only support existing affordable units, but will encourage the creation of new ones.

"The county is committed to supporting programs that increase the number of affordable housing units throughout the region," said Warden Cal Patterson. "Assisting eligible homeowners with the development of secondary or garden suites is a viable strategy to support our goals."

"It's a win-win scenario, as secondary suites provide an opportunity for additional income for the homeowner and creates more affordable rental units in our communities," he added.

This event is free to the public and refreshments will be provided. As space is limited, registration is required by Monday, March 17.

For more information, contact the County of Simcoe Social Housing Department at 705-725-7215, ext. 1119, or visit [simcoe.ca](http://simcoe.ca).

## March Fraud Prevention Month

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"Some of the most vulnerable people in our community are seniors. Fraudsters frequently target seniors in an attempt to scam them out of their money," said south Simcoe police Const. Rich Williamson.

"An informed senior can see through these scams and protect themselves. From our partners at the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC), here are some tips about 'The Emergency Scam'."

The scam is operated by fraudsters claiming to be a family member, or a close friend of a family member, and advising the potential victim about an urgent situation that requires immediate funds.

Common themes have been that the family member was arrested or got into an accident while traveling abroad. Thus fees are required

for hospital expenses, or bail.

Since 2009, the CAFC has received more than 17,000 emergency scam complaints accounting for more than \$24 million dollars in reported losses. The average loss per victim was \$3,743.07. Of the complaints there were 11,889 emergency scam occurrences reported by Canadians.

Here's how to protect yourself.

Confirm with other relatives the whereabouts of the family member or friend.

Police, judges or legal entities will never request that money be sent through a money service business such as Western Union or MoneyGram.

Never voluntarily give out family members names or information to unknown callers.

Always question urgent requests for money.

If you think you or someone you know has been a victim of fraud, contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or [www.antifraudcentre.ca](http://www.antifraudcentre.ca).

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responsible for providing customer service, processing orders, expediting the delivery of products and verifying stock availability for customers.

To apply for this position, please email your resume to [careers@nedco.ca](mailto:careers@nedco.ca)

NEDCO offers a competitive compensation and benefits package, a stable work environment and opportunities for growth and development.

**General Help  
Wanted**

**JIM BERTRAM & SONS CONSTRUCTION INC.**  
Local Heavy Equipment Rental Firm, is looking for operators/drivers for the upcoming season for the following positions:

**Backhoe - Bulldozer Operator**  
Must have valid AZ license

**Dump Truck Drivers**  
Tandem & Triaxle trucks, Dump trailers, must have off road construction site experience

**Float Drivers**  
Must have valid AZ license and knowledge of loading heavy equipment

**Water Truck Drivers**  
Must hold valid DZ license

All positions require minimum 5 years experience. Please fax resume **with references** to (705) 728-6133 or email to [hr@jimbertramandsons.com](mailto:hr@jimbertramandsons.com)

*Only those applicants meeting hiring requirements will be contacted for interviews. PLEASE no phone calls.*

**Healthcare  
Professionals**

Healthcare Services - Pharmacy assistant Full time position available for a pharmacy assistant/technician at pharماسave in Angus Experience preferred, send resume to Raj at [rkashyap@cogeco.ca](mailto:rkashyap@cogeco.ca)

**Sales Help  
& Agents**

Marine Construction Sales Executive Required. Please call 705-529-4510.

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# Innisfil

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Office Hours:  
Monday to Friday  
8:30am to 4:30pm

Community  
Bulletin



MARCH 14, 2014

## Town Council Meetings

**Wednesday, March 19, 2014**

- 7:15 pm Regular Council Meeting

**Wednesday, April 2, 2014**

- 6:30 pm Public Meeting - Zoning By-Law Amendment – Sandy Trail Lot Coverage – File No. D14-2014-003
- 7:15 pm Regular Council Meeting

Meetings subject to change. Please visit the Town's website to view the most updated listing.

## Board/Committee Meetings

### Public Library Board

March 17, 2014 at 7:00 pm, Lakeshore Library Branch

### Bradford West Gwillimbury/Innisfil Police Services Board

March 17, 2014 at 7:00 pm, South Division Station, Jonkman Community Room

### Community Health Committee Meeting

March 20, 2014 at 1:30 pm, Town Hall, Community Rooms B,C

### Farmers' Market Vendor Committee

March 20, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., Town Hall, Meeting Room 4

Meetings subject to change. Please visit the Town's website to view the most updated listing.

## Employment Opportunities

### Communications Coordinator

This competition closes March 21, 2014

Please visit Employment Opportunities on the Town's website for more details.

## Fire Fighter Opportunities

Fire  
Fighters  
Needed.

Do *you* have  
what it takes?

Call 705-436-3710 for details. [www.innisfil.ca](http://www.innisfil.ca)



## 2014 Park Permits



**2014  
Park  
Permits  
REQUIRED  
AS OF  
April 1st**



## Business Excellence Awards

### 17th Annual Business Excellence Awards

*Recognizing excellence, outstanding achievement and  
customer satisfaction in small, medium and large  
businesses in South Simcoe.*

April 10, 2014 at 6:00 pm

Town of Innisfil, Town Hall Building  
2101 Innisfil Beach Road  
Innisfil, ON L9S 1A1



Nottawasaga Futures

For more information, contact Robin Brown at [robin@nottawasaga.com](mailto:robin@nottawasaga.com)

## Spring Safety Reminder



Conservation Authorities are reminding residents of the dangers that exist near streams, rivers, ponds and lakes around this time of year and urge people to keep family and pets away from the edge of all waterways.

Although winter continues to maintain its grip, spring and warmer temperatures will soon bring people outdoors. It's important to be aware that these warmer temperatures also bring rain, melting snow and ice, which can contribute to higher, faster flowing water in our waterways. Slippery and unstable stream banks, combined with extremely cold water temperatures, create very hazardous conditions close to any body of water. For more information, call:

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (905) 895-1281  
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (705) 424-1479

## Half Load Restrictions

Half Load Restrictions (Town of Innisfil By-law 017-01) will be in place from March 1 through May 1, 2014 for all Town roads.

Commercial vehicles are not to exceed a weight of 5,000 kilograms per axle, unless they meet the exceptions under the Highway Traffic Act.

For more information please contact Wayne Young, Manager of Roads Services at (705) 436-3710.

## Cookstown Heritage Plan

### Cookstown Heritage Conservation District Plan



Town Hall, 2101 Innisfil Beach Road, Wed. Apr. 2 at 7:15 p.m.

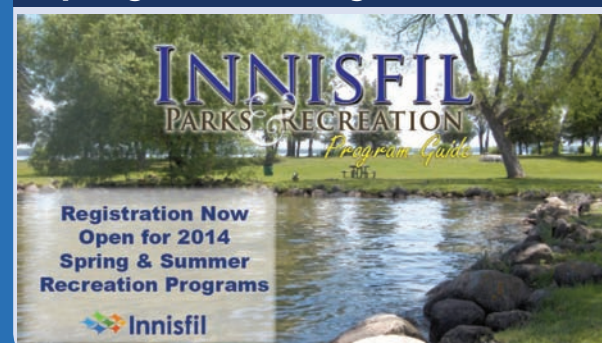
## Tourism Social



RSVP to [cayres@innisfil.ca](mailto:cayres@innisfil.ca) or 705-436-3740 ext. 1502  
by March 19, 2014

Innisfil Tourism Social  
Tuesday, April 1, 2014  
6:00 p.m.  
Harbour House Grill  
797 Harbour Street, LeRoy  
(inside LeRoy Harbour Resorts)

## Spring/Summer Register Now On



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